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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7942

BILL NUMBER: SB 636

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 13, 2005

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: 911 Telephone System Funding Formula.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Broden

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill applies to a county that: (1) imposes a monthly enhanced emergency telephone system fee; and (2) contains at least one public safety answering point (PSAP) operated by a unit other than the county. It requires PSAPs operating in the county to provide quarterly reports to the county treasurer and the unit's fiscal officer indicating the: (1) total number of incoming 911 calls received by the PSAP; and (2) number of calls for which public safety personnel were dispatched. It requires the county treasurer to distribute to PSAPs in the county 75% of the enhanced emergency telephone system fees collected each quarter by the county. The bill also provides that the part of those fees distributed to a particular PSAP must bear the same proportion to the total fees distributed to all PSAPS that the share of calls resulting in a dispatch by the particular PSAP bears to the total share of calls in the county resulting in a dispatch by any PSAP in the county.

Effective Date: Upon passage; July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: The bill could reduce revenue for counties and increase the revenue for municipalities operating PSAPs. It is unknown how much the transfer in revenue would be.

Background: The purpose of enhanced emergency telephone system is to enable emergency service providers to quickly reach the location of a wireless 911 call with the least amount of confusion and delay. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) determined this issue to be important and mandated standards and set phased deadlines for system upgrades in 1996.

The Indiana Wireless E911 Advisory Board is working to improve emergency service for wireless callers throughout Indiana. The Board administers the Indiana Wireless Emergency Telephone System Fund, which is used to reimburse county 911 authorities and wireless carriers for E911 system enhancements. A county or municipality, if the county chooses not to adopt an ordinance, may adopt an ordinance to impose a monthly enhanced emergency telephone system fee for each exchange access facility used in the county. The fee for a county that contains a consolidated city or at least one second class city can not exceed of 3% of the average monthly telephone access line charge in the unit, and 10% for other counties.

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Counties and Municipalities.

Information Sources:

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